## YHC Transition Update | May 8, 2015

## To Interact with YHC

Community Based Organizations began administering YHC Assessments as of April 20, 2015.

The best way to access an assessment is through a young adult's Case Manager, if they have one. Many
agencies are also providing drop-hours for assessments. The new YHC website,
 <u>www.youthhousingconnection.org</u> will continue to be updated with the most current assessment
 schedule, which is also attached to this email.

For information about YHC

Assessments, including assessment schedule and to update an existing assessment, contact 206-328-5796, or yhc@ccsww.org

Contacts for Housing Providers
Primary Contact:
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Questions about the Transition?
Please reach out to the
Committee to End Homelessness:
Samantha Wiese, YHC Lead
206-263-1630 or yhc@cehkc.org

## **Upcoming Changes**

- We anticipate being able to offer database access in mid-May, after a brief refresher (provided through GoTo Meeting). Samantha will reach out to Site Leads and Assessors when this information is available.
- An assessor feedback session has been scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Samantha with any
  questions.
- The referral function of YHC is anticipated to transition to the Committee to End Homelessness as of May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Hedda McLendon will continue to work as a consultant to make recommendations and develop work plans aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of YHC. She will work on improvements for the housing referral process and support development of other policies, procedures, and tools to improve YHC. Hedda is also working with Mark Putnam at the CEH to develop a workplan regarding Coordinated Entry for All Populations, allowing her to convey YHC improvements in the broader scope of coordinated entry.

## **Awesome Work!**

Thank you to the housing providers at the YMCA and Friends of Youth for hosting visits from YHC staff over the past two weeks. Understanding the resources and expectations in your housing programs is integral to making successful referrals, and we are excited to continue these partnerships.

Thank you to David and Dan from Catholic Community Services for all of the support you have provided for new YHC Assessors. Your insight and experience have undoubtedly made for a smooth transition.